

Changes to Town of Apex Code of Ordinances for Transient and Mobile Food Vendors to meet National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Recommendations for Food Truck Safety

Sec. 13-63. - General operating standards.

(d) Mobile Food Vendors shall have the following fire extinguishers readily available during hours of operation: minimum Class 2A, 10B or C rated extinguisher. If food preparation involves deep frying, a Class K fire extinguisher must also be readily available. Fire extinguishers must be maintained pursuant to NFPA Standard for portable fire extinguishers and any other applicable standards.

(e) Mobile food vendors shall maintain a minimum of 10 feet of clearance from buildings, structures, vehicles, and any combustible materials on all sides of the Mobile Food Unit when in service.

(f) Mobile Food Vendors shall not permit the Mobile Food Unit's Liquid propane (LP) gas to exceed 200 gallon individual or aggregate capacity.

(g) Use of Mobile Food Unit's LP gas containers shall be within 12 years of the date of manufacture and must be requalified for service every five years thereafter. Expired LP gas containers shall be removed from service.

(h) Mobile Food Vendors whose units utilize LP gas shall contain carbon monoxide and propane leak detectors.

(i) Generators or other sources of ignition shall be at least five feet from LP gas tanks. Where minimal distance cannot be met, a metal partition between the tank and generator must be installed to satisfy this requirement.

(j) Mobile Food Vendor's must submit the Mobile Food Unit to a fire inspection to be conducted by a Town of Apex Fire Marshal.

Questions?

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